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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
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SUBJ: AUXILIARY PERSONNEL CONDUCTING OVERSIGHT OF COAST GUARD
APPROVED COURSES

1. The Coast Guard approves maritime training courses for three reasons:

- a. The course is required by regulation;
- b. The course is a substitute for a Coast Guard license examination; or,
- c. The course is accepted in lieu of required sea service experience.

2. The Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection's (G-M) Focus Group Report, "Licensing 2000 and Beyond," strongly endorsed an increased emphasis on approved maritime training courses and the adoption of new methods for verifying competency.

3. The Marine Licensing Program adopted the "Licensing 2000" report as its "road map for the future" and is aggressively seeking to increase the quality of approved courses available to mariners and to develop new methods for verifying a mariner's competency including approval of courses to substitute for the Coast Guard license examinations.

4. The "Licensing 2000" report also strongly recommended an increased emphasis on oversight of approved courses, warning that, "... until such time as the quality and integrity issues surrounding 'approved courses' are resolved, no further move towards reliance on such courses should be contemplated."

5. Regional Examination Center (REC) personnel are responsible for and have been trained in oversight procedures for the approved courses in their region. However, with over 350 approved courses nationwide, the RECs do not have the personnel to adequately monitor all approved courses.

6. Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel working through the local REC may be assigned to conduct oversight audits of certain approved courses. The smallboat experience Auxiliarists can bring to the oversight program will be invaluable for auditing many courses, particularly courses approved to replace examinations for licenses at or below the master 200 gross ton level.

7. The level of Auxiliary participation is anticipated to consist of approximately 150 - 200 audits annually nationwide.

8. Enclosure (1) outlines the procedures for Auxiliary personnel to conduct course oversight.

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Enclosure (1) Oversight of Approved Courses By Auxiliary
Personnel